(b) Information is given in the enclosed statement [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 113].

(c) Candidates who are found to have indulged in unfair means in the examination are debarred from Commission's Examinations/Selection for a certain number of years depending upon the nature of offence and their candidature for that examination is also cancelled. This itself has deterrent effect. Further Supervisors and Invigilators have been issued instructions to ensure that candidates do not indulge in any kind of unfair means in the examination. A number of measures have been taken to further minimise the possibility of any malpractices. These broadly pertain to:

(i) Tightening of security by appropriately segregating the sensitive Branches, regulating entry providing 'double-lock system wherever necessary.

(ii) Detailed procedural changes with a view to preventing any possible access to printed Question and tampering with answers sheets/answer books.

Death of a doordarshan cameraman in Gorakhpur

3195. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cameraman (Grade I) of the Gorakhpur Doordarshan centre had applied for his transfer due to unsuitability of the climatic conditions of the place due to his illness;

(b) whether his appeal was not considered and he collapsed; and

(c) whether any enquiry has been made and taken action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Panel of journalists for parliamentary reporting

3196. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 75 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st February, 1986 and state:

(a) what are the names of the experienced journalists in Parliament reporting maintained by Information and Broadcasting Ministry as on date and, Ministry-wise;

(b) whether any names have been included in any Ministry panel during the last three years, if so, what are the names of the journalist and newspaper/weekly/magazine/news agencies for which he/she has been employed;

(c) whether there is any proposal to include more names in the near future, if so, whether open circular is likely to be issued and circulated among the concerned;

(d) what is the number of those journalists in the panel represent small and medium newspapers|weeklies|magazines; and

(e) whether any of the journalists from regional language papers/weeklies/magazines have been included in the panel in the past; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Information and Broadcasting Ministry does not maintain the names of journalists experienced in reporting/proceedings in the Parliament for the electronic media. This list is maintained by the media themselves. There is also no Ministry-wise list.

The names of the journalists whose services are requisitioned for the programme "Today in Parliament" and "This Week in Parliament" in English and for the programme "Sansad Samachar" and "Is Saptah Sansad Mein" in Hindi are given in the enclosed Satement I and II (*See* below).

(b) Does not arise, since there is no panel of journalists maintained Ministry-wise.

(c) The media constantly update the names of the journalists after taking into account their professional experience, standing and their ability to spare-time for underaking this task of covering the proceedings of the Parliament for the electronic media for AIR and Doordarshan. This is not like filling a vacant post; therefore, the procedure of issuing a circular and obtaining the names is not applicable.

(d) and (e) As explained in reply to part (c), since the objective is to enlist the services of journalist with high professional experience and willingness to spare-time for undertaking this task, the panel is not maintained on the basis of journalist who work for small and medium newspapers and those who work for big newspapers or for the language newspapers. It is likely that some of the journalists who are in the panel may be writing articles or features which may appear in small/medium/language newspapers also.

Statement—I

List of journalists for 'Today in Parliament' and 'This Week in Parliament'

1. Shri A. K. Tandon, P.T.I.
2. Shri H. Swaroop, P.T.I.
3. Shri Sitaram Rao, P.T.I.
4. Shri H. N. Kaul, P.T.I.
5. Shri C. V. Vaidyanathan, P.T.I.
6. Shri N. Ramachandran, U.N.I.
7. Shri C. K. Arora, U.N.I.
8. Shri T. R. Ramachandran, U.N.I.
9. Shri T. V. Satyanarayanan, U.N.I.
10. Shri Nikhil Bhattacharya, U.N.I.
11. Shri P. K. Chakravarty, U.N.I.
12. Shri E. C. Thomas, U.N.I.
13. Shri V. S. Maniam, Statesman.
14. Shri R. N. Ganesh, Financial Express
15. Shri George Madukkathodam, Financial Express.
16. Shri M. K. Dharmaraja, Himachal Times
17. Shri M. L. Rastogi, *Deccan Chronicle*
18. Shri I. Gopalakrishnan, Afternoon Despatch and Courier.

Statement—II

List of journalists for Sansad Sameeksha and Is Sapta Sansad Mein

1. Shri Pushpandra Jain, PTI Bhasha
2. Shri Virendra Sanghi, PTI Bhasha
3. Shri Satish Jugran, PTI Bhasha
4. Shri Yogesh Mathur, PTI Bhasha
5. Shri Rajesh Sharma, Samachar Bharati
6. Shri Vijayshankar, Janata Doot, Aligarh
7. Shri Madhukar Upadhyay, Univarta
8. Shri Manohar Puri, Vishwamitra, Calcutta
9. Shri Vipin Sharma P.T.I. Bhasha.
10. Shri Rajendra Srivastava, Univarta
11. Shri Anand Prakash Sharma, Dainik Hindustan
12. Shri Alok Mehta, Navbharat Times
13. Shri Madhusudhan Anand, Navbharat Times
14. Shri Devendra Upadhyay, Deshbandhu
15. Shri Jayprakash Avasthi, Univarta
16. Shri Shailendra, Dainik Hindustan

17. Shri Satyavir Tyagi, Dainik Hindustan

18. Shri Manmohan Sharma, Hindustan Samachar

19. Shri Om Prakash Pandit, Hindustan Samachar

20. Shri Sharad Dwivedi, PTI Bhasha

21. Shri Ashok Sharma, Univarta

22. Shri Diwan Singh Mehta, Navbharat Times

23. Shri Madhusudan Sathe, Univarta

24. Shri Jagdish Prasad Chaturvedi, Deshbandhu

25. Shri Hira Lal Choubey, Daily Sanmarg, Calcutta

26. Shri Jagnnath Shastri, Daily Bhaskar, Bhopal

27. Shri Rajiv Pandey, Univarta.

28. Shri Ramji Prasad Singh, Hindustan Samachar.

29. Shri Rafiq Shastri, Univarta

30. Smt. Manuhari Pathak, Navjyoti, Ajmer

31. Shri Surendra Dwivedi, Hindustan Samachar

32. Shri Sunder Lal Kukreja, Dainik Hindustan.

3197. [*Transferred to the 1st December, 1986*].

General Amnesty for and rehabilitation of the Court-martialled defence personnel

3198. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 137 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the court-martial of army personnel following the Operation Blue Star in Punjab is over; if so, the total number of army personnel involved and the punishments awarded rank wise;

(b) what is the highest rank involved;

(c) what was the maximum punishment awarded;

(d) whether any of the personnel were released subsequently; if so, what is their number, rank-wise;

(e) whether any of the cases were reviewed; if so, the details thereof, giving rank-wise figures;

(f) whether any of the personnel were rehabilitated; if so what are their rank-wise figures; and

(g) whether Government propose to declare general amnesty and to rehabilitate all those involved; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (g) Consequent to Operation Blue Star, an insignificant proportion of Sikh troops serving in several units located throughout the country, committed mutiny, desertion and other offences including murder. The number involved against whom action was initiated is 2,337, all belonging to Other Ranks. No Officer or JCO deserted. An overwhelmingly large number demonstrated the loyalty and patriotism that have always been displayed by Sikh troops.

In addition, 393 personnel consisting of 65 Officers, 104 JCOs and 224 Other Ranks were proceeded against for other acts of indiscipline, such as failure of command, dereliction of duty etc.

Thus, a total of 2,730 personnel were tried by Courts Martial or summarily or administratively dealt with in accordance with the gravity of offences.